MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Is the member aware that, during the 19th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, the Dewan assured that any proposal for fresh taxation will be placed before the Legislative Council before it is given effect to?

MR. K. GEORGE: I do not remember.

*The Agricultural Department.*

79. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many years it is since the Agricultural Department was started: and

(*b*) whether they propose to organise this department or to amalgamate the same with the Land Revenue Department?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*a*) The Department of Agriculture was started towards the end of Medam 1083.

(*b*) There is no proposal to amalgamate this department with the Land Revenue Department.

*Panavaga section in Revenue and Magisterial courts.*

80. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a panavaga section in Revenue and Magisterial Courts; and

(*b*) whether stamp registers are maintained in these courts?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

*Statement, by caste, of the appointments made by the present Chief Secretary.*

81. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the appointments made by Mr. K. George in the Huzur Secretariat since he became Chief Secretary?

Mr. K. GEORGE: The statement of appointments made since 11th Vrischikam 1101 is as follows:—

HINDU.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Brahmins (Malayala) | ... | 1 |
| 2. | Do. (Others) | ... | 24 |
| | Ezhava | ... | 6 |
| | Kammala | ... | 3 |
| | Kshatriya (Malayala) | ... | 3 |
| | Nadar | ... | ... |
| | Nayar | ... | 22 |
| | Vellala | ... | 6 |
| | Other depressed classes | ... | 5 |
| | Other Hindus | ... | 6 |
| MUSSALMAN | | ... | 4 |

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CHRISTIANS.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Protestants | ... | 3 | |
| 2. | Roman Catholic | | | |
| | (*a*) Latin-rite | ... | 1 | |
| | (*b*) Syriac-rite | ... | 4 | |
| 3. | Syrians | | | 24 |
| | (*a*) Jacobite | ... | 9 | |
| | (*b*) Mar Thoma | ... | 5 | |
| 4. | Church of England | ... | 1 | |
| 5. | Depressed classes | ... | 1 | |
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MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether there were applications from the Krishnamvakai community for appointment in the Secretariat?

MR. K. GEORGE: They are classed under other Hindus.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Does the member know that the Krishnamvakai community of south Travancore are backward in education?

MR. K. GEORGE: Yes.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the Government will be pleased to appoint them in the Secretariat?

MR. K. GEORGE: When suitable vacancies occur, the matter will be considered.

MR. KOCHIKAL P. BALAKRISHAN TAMPI: Is it sufficiently a big community so as to claim separate concession in the matter of appointments?

MR. K. GEORGE: We can consider their claims along with other minority communities.

*Damage due to floods in the Vamanapuram river in Tulam 1108.*

82. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With reference to the flood that occured in Vamanapuram River in Tulam 1108, will the Government be pleased to state how many dwelling houses of all sorts have been washed away or substantially damaged on either side of the river from Vamanapuram bridge down to Anjengo backwaters and what has been done hitherto by way of relief to the people so distressed and suffered?

RAO SAHIB DR. KUNJAN PILLAI: During the floods of Tulam 1108, 72 houses in Chirayinkil Taluk and an equal number in Nedumangad were found to have been either washed or substantially damaged. Out of these, only the owners of 18 houses in each taluk were found to be extremely poor and really deserving of help from Government in the matter of re-building their lost houses. Small sums of money ranging from Rs. 3 to Rs. 7 have been sanctioned by Government to be distributed to these 36 people. Rs. 96 in all was distributed accordingly among the 18 persons of Nedumangad taluk and Rs. 98 among those of Chriayinkil taluk.



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